

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:**

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location of a member of the Commonwealth Forces, during the Great War 1914-1921.

**SUBMITTED TO:**

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**Report Date:** 31 March 2018

**Reason for Submission:** ("X" means purpose of the report)

<b>Casualty Identification:</b>		<b>Burial Information:</b>	
Confirmed Identity	X	Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	X
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Other		Other	

**Supporting Documents:** (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

<b>Casualty Identification:</b>		<b>Burial Information:</b>	
Harris, Arthur Lea	i	Aeroplane Cemetery	<a href="#">link</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Loyal North Lancashire Regiment	i	West-Vlaanderen Belgium	i
Captain	i	Plot 6 Row E Grave 4	i
Death: 31 July 1917	<a href="#">link</a>	Burial: 27 March 1925	i
Graves Registration Report	1	War Diary Extracts	7a-i
Concentration of Grave	2	Battalion War History	8
Exhumation Report		Grave Stone Photograph	
Headstone Register	3	Grave Stone Inscription	
Area Map(s)	4	Memorial Inscription/Photo	
Trench Map(s)	5	Reporting and Review	9
Possible Candidates List	6	Other	

**Summary of Findings:**

The Graves Registration Report form for Plot 6 Row E Grave 4 lists an Unknown British Officer "Captain" of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. The Concentration of Graves shows the remains were exhumed at [28.D.13.a.2.4](#), approximately 1,000 yards southeast of St. Julien, Belgium, just south of the Langemark - Zonnebeke road.

A review of all of the details of the five (5) missing Captains of the regiment clearly indicates that these are the remains of [Captain Arthur Lea Harris](#) of the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Loyal Lancashire Regiment. He was killed in the immediate area during a major attack through that location on 31 July 1917.

## Details of Findings:

The findings are conclusive that the remains in Plot 6 Row E Grave 4 are those of Captain Arthur Lea Harris, 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Bn., The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. The findings are based on the following:

1. The “*Graves Registration Report Form*” for the Aeroplane Cemetery indicates that an Unknown British Officer “Captain” of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment is buried in Plot 6 Row E Grave 4 ([Attachment #1](#)). There is no date of death and no indication of the battalion, thus all missing Captains of the regiment became candidates and were investigated.
2. The “*Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return*” notes that the remains were recovered from the area identified by the trench map coordinate [28.D.13.a.2.4](#) ([Attachment #2](#)). The report states that the Captain of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment was identified by Officer’s clothing, Badge of Rank and Regimental Badges.
3. The Headstone Register provides confirmation that the Captain was not identified at the time of his burial ([Attachment #3](#)). A check of the current listings for the cemetery provides confirmation that there are no identified Captains of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment buried in the cemetery.
4. The general area where the remains were recovered is marked on the 1:40,000 trench map from the McMaster Collection ([Attachment #4](#)). The map is also marked to show the advance of the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment through the area on 31 July 1917. This is the only time that a Captain of the regiment is reported missing in that specific area.
5. A more detailed 1:10,000 trench map is provided to show the exact location where the remains were recovered, as extracted from the War Diary of the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment for July 1917 ([Attachment #5](#)). This map has been “marked” to show the green crosshairs at the location of the remains as well as the “enemy strong points” and the “origin of the counterattack”, for reference to the text of the war diary. The battle lines (blue, black, green and black dotted) were already marked on the trench map.
6. A review of the records of the CWGC showed that there were sixteen (16) Captains of the regiment killed in Belgium in the Great War. Of these only five (5) Captains were not identified, four (4) on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial and one (1) on the Tyne Cot Memorial ([Attachment #6](#)).
  - Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial
    - i. [Captain Herbert Frank Brownlow](#),  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 2 November 1914
    - ii. [Captain Alick Lancelot Prince](#),  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 8 November 1914

- iii. [Captain Arthur Lea Harris](#),  
1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 31 July 1917
- iv. [Captain Edward Unsworth Green](#),  
9<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion, 10 August 1917

- Tyne Cot Memorial

- i. [Captain Alan Brodie Hoare](#)  
5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 26 October 1917

7. The War Diaries of The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment were reviewed to determine the location of each of the five (5) unknown Captains (*Attachment #7*) at the time of their death.

We have categorized these as four (4) “*Excluded Candidates*” where none of these Captains were in the area where the remains were recovered (**28.D.13.a.2.4**), and the one (1) “*Preferred Candidate*” who was in the immediate vicinity of where the remains were recovered.

### **Excluded Candidates:**

RYLEY, HERBERT FRANK BROWNLOW 02-11-14 1st Bn., 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Division

- Captain Ryley is reported wounded or missing on 2 November 1914 near the woods at Hooge (*Attachments 7a, 7b*).
- That information places Captain Ryley in the vicinity of **28.I.18.b**, approximately 5,000 yards southwest of where the remains were located.

PRINCE, ALICK LANCELOT 08-11-14 1st Bn., 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Division

- Captain Prince is reported killed in action on 8 November 1914 in trenches west of Veldhoek (*Attachments 7c, 7d*).
- That information places Captain Prince in the vicinity of **28.J.15.c**, approximately 5,500 yards to the southeast of where the remains were located.
- The sketch of the area provided in the War Diary, although not labelled, shows them to be at Inverness Copse **28.J.14.c,d** with reference to the Herenthage Chateau **28.J.20.b**.

GREEN, EDWARD UNSWORTH 10-08-17 9<sup>th</sup> (Service) Bn. 74<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 25<sup>th</sup> Division

- Captain Green is reported killed during the battalion attack on Westhoek Ridge (*Attachment 7e*).
- That information places Captain Green in the vicinity of Westhoek **28.J.7.d.8.3**, approximately 4,000 yards southwest of where the remains were located.

HOARE, ALAN BRODIE 26-10-17 "A" Coy. 2<sup>nd</sup>/5th Bn. 164<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 55<sup>th</sup> Division

- Captain Alan Brodie Hoare is reported killed during an attack from the line northeast of Poelcappelle, during which all of the officers became casualties (*Attachment 7f*).
- This information places Captain Hoare in the vicinity of Poelcappelle **20.V.20.a** approximately 3,500 yards northwest of where the remains were located.

## Preferred Candidate:

HARRIS, ARTHUR LEA 31-07-17 1st/4th Bn. 164<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 55<sup>th</sup> Division

- Capt. Harris was leading a company ordered to capture trenches and buildings to the south west side of the Zonnebeke/Winnipeg Road and north of Kansas Cross. (Attachments [7g](#), [7h](#), [7i](#))
- This information places Captain Harris just northwest of Zonnebeke **28.D.13.a/b**, within a 25 yard radius of where the remains were recovered.
- War Diary material states that casualties became heavy, especially in the ranks of officers, after the attackers passed through the Black Line.

The details of the war diary of the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, where Captain Harris commanded "A" Coy, clearly places him in the immediate area of where the remains were recovered. Marked up extracts of the important pages are included in this report: (see also war diary trench map in [Attachment #5](#))

- On 31 July 1917 a major attack was to take place from the trenches to the east and northeast of Ypres ([Attachment #7g](#)). The attack was to commence from a location identified as Congreve Walk (see added red note and map coordinates).
  - The regiment moved through the Blue Line to the Black Line and during the advance thereafter the casualties were reported heavy in the officers ([Attachment 7h](#)).
  - One of the officers killed in that attack was Captain A. L. Harris ([Attachment 7i](#)). He was the only Captain killed in the attack. His remains were not recovered from the battlefield at that time.
8. Additional evidence pertaining to the location of where Captain Harris was killed is provided in the War History of the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment 1914-1918 ([Attachment #8](#)). On page 71 of that narrative history, it is reported that Captain Harris was shot by a sniper soon after crossing the black line. That is the precise location where the remains of the Unknown Captain were located, as marked on the war diary map in Attachment #5.

**Action Required:**

The “Investigative Report” has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (*Attachment #8*).

The research has clearly shown that of the five (5) Captains of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment that are missing in action in Belgium, at any time during the Great War, only Captain Arthur Lea Harris was in the precise area where the remains were recovered.

The records and headstone should be amended to show that the remains in Plot 6 Row E Grave 4 at Aeroplane Cemetery are those of Captain Arthur Lea Harris.



# ATTACHMENT #1

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Graves Registration Report Form.

<http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc1808230.JPG>

**McGG.** **Comprehensive report.** Army Form W. 3372.

**GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.**

**Commune: Ypres** REPORT No. 128 SCHEDULE No. 74c 76c

PLACE OF BURIAL **AEROPLANE BRITISH CEMETERY, YPRES.**

Map Reference **Sheet 28. I.5. b. 2. 6..** Certified correct & complete:

The following are buried here:—

Registration Officer.

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave		
<b>PLOT 6: ROW "D" (CONT'D.)</b>								
Cheshire	1868	U.B. SOLDIER	PTE W.J.	12-10-17	E	9 c.2 ✓		
36/A.I.F..		THOMPSON			E	10 c.2 ✓		
Winnepeg Regt.		U.CAN. SOLDIER			E	11 c.2 ✓		
-do-		U.CAN. SOLDIER			E	12 c.2 ✓		
78/Canadians	425	U.CAN. SOLDIER	PTE H.B.	4-10-17	E	13 c.2 ✓		
3/Canadians		U.AUS. SOLDIER			E	14 c.2 ✓		
20/A.I.F..		U.CAN. SOLDIER			E	15 c.2 ✓		
		BROWN			E	16 c.2 ✓		
22/A.I.F.		THOMPSON			A.V.	5-10-17	E	17 c.2 ✓
		U.AUS. SOLDIER					E	18 c.2 ✓
<b>PLOT 6: ROW "E"</b>								
R.F.A.. L.N.Lanes..	-	U.B. SOLDIER	Capt.		E	1 c.2 ✓		
		U.AUS. SOLDIER			E	2 c.2 ✓		
		U.B. SOLDIER			E	3 c.2 ✓		
		U.B. OFFICER			E	4 c.2 ✓		
5/City of Lond. -do- -do-		U.B. SOLDIER			E	5 c.2 ✓		
		U.B. SOLDIER			E	6 c.2 ✓		
		U.B. SOLDIER			E	7 c.2 ✓		
		U.B. SOLDIER			E	8 c.2 ✓		
K.R.R.C.. R.B'de. R.B'de.		U.B. SOLDIER			E	9 c.2 ✓		
		U.B. SOLDIER			E	10 c.2 ✓		
		U.B. SOLDIER			E	11 c.2 ✓		
		U.B. SOLDIER			E	12 c.2 ✓		

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Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return*. <http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2150381.JPG>

Captain Arthur Lea Harris



# ATTACHMENT #3

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Comprehensive Report (A) of Headstone Inscriptions.*  
<http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc1840400.JPG>

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 Name and Address of Firm.....

**Imperial War Graves Commission.**

Schedule "A" Page 12  
 Name of Cemetery.

**COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**  
 to this report is attached  
**COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS**  
*(those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)*  
 and  
**TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS** (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).

AEROPLANE CEM. YPRES "B"  
 To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level abbreviated thus:—  
 AERO.C.

Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st Line. Number and Rank.	2nd Line. Initials, NAME and Honours.	3rd Line. Regiment.	4th Line. Date of Death. <small>In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 5, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.</small>	Age	Centre of Stone. Relig. Emb.	Plot P. Row R. Grave G. F. R. G.	No. of Stone
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LAYOUT 1B	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR			15	CROSS	6 E 1	166
1200/1G	A. SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	AN AUSTRALIAN <del>SOLDIER</del> <sup>REGIMENT</sup>		35	CROSS	6 E 2	167
1196/1G	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY		34	CROSS	6 E 3	168 +
1032/1G	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	UNKNOWN CAPTAIN	LOYAL NORTH LANCES.	48	CROSS	6 E 4	169 +
LAYOUT 1B	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR		REGT.	15	CROSS	6 E 5	170
1232/1G	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE		33	CROSS	6 E 6	171
1232/1G	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE		33	CROSS	6 E 7	172
1232/1G	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE		33	CROSS	6 E 8	173
1029/1G	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS		35	CROSS	6 E 9	174
1047/1G	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	THE RIFLE BRIGADE		30	CROSS	6 E 10	175
1047/1G	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	THE RIFLE BRIGADE		30	CROSS	6 E 11	176
LAYOUT 1B	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR			15	CROSS	6 E 12	177
1068/1A	4744 PRIVATE	J.B. HOBBS	WILTSHIRE REGIMENT	16TH JUNE 1915	AGE 37	CROSS	6 E 13	178
LAYOUT 1B	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR			15	CROSS	6 E 14	179
LAYOUT 1B	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR			15	CROSS	6 E 15	180

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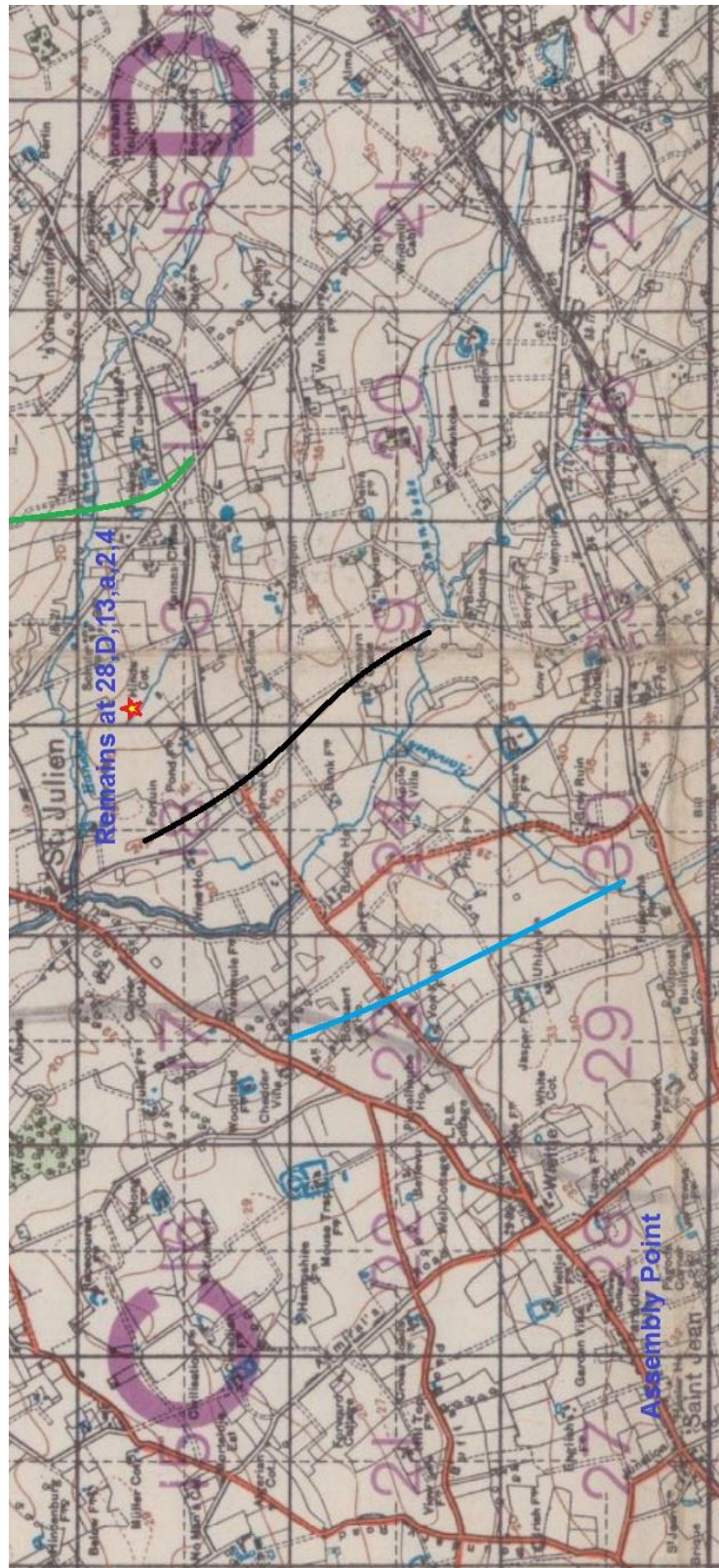
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+ A special <sup>LAYOUT</sup> BADGE DESIGN is provided for use with this Headstone.

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 Final Check No. 2.



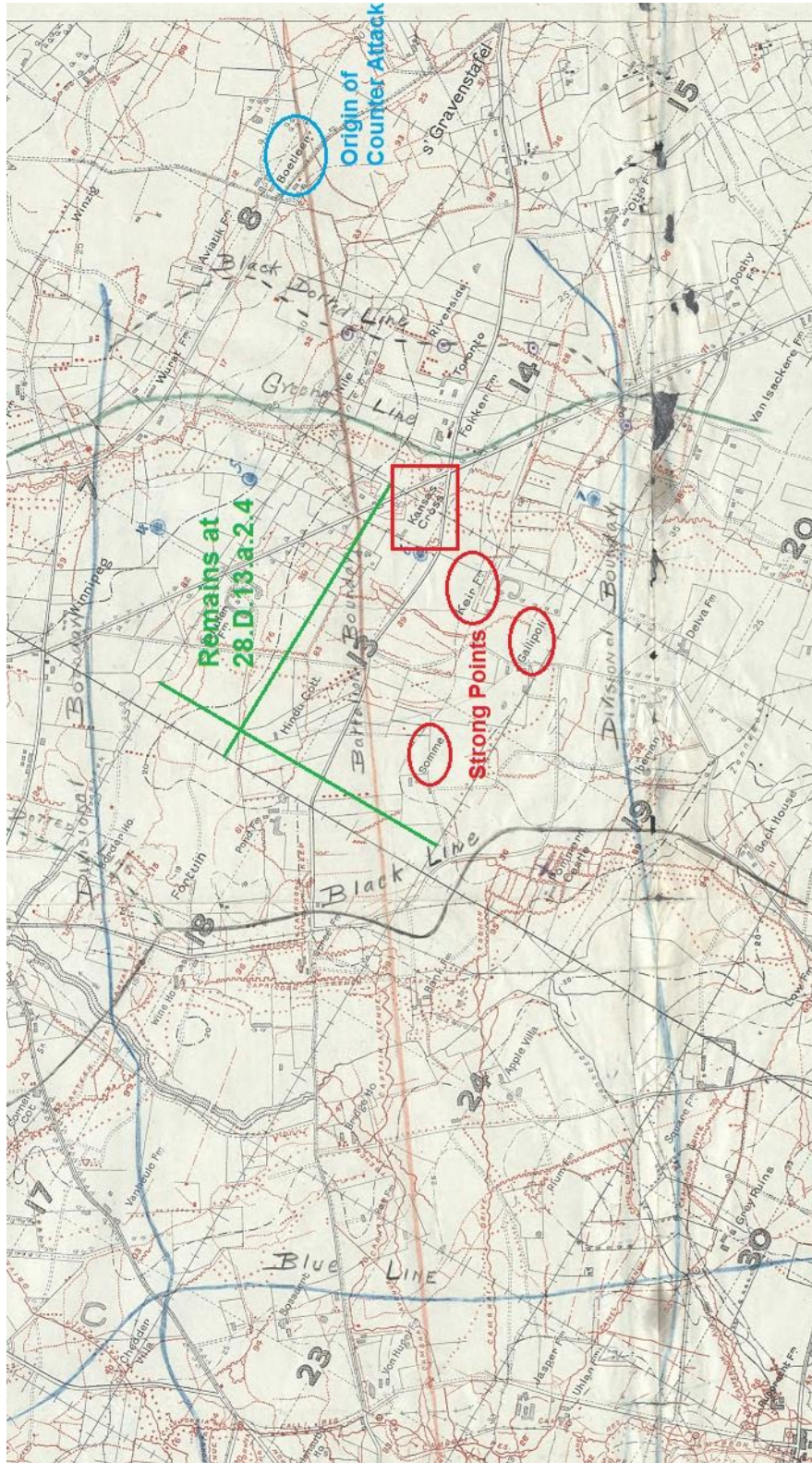
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## **ATTACHMENT #5**

Trench Map from the July 1917 War Diary of the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Bn. Loyal North Lancashire Regiment  
UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920 Loyal North Lancashire Regiment  
55th Division Piece 2924/1: 1/4 Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment ([page 278 of 673](#)).



## **ATTACHMENT #6**

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Casualty Record: Commonwealth Forces.*

<https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead> ([Direct Search Link](#))

<b>surname</b>	<b>forename</b>	<b>death</b>	<b>unit</b>	<b>Memorial</b>
<a href="#">RYLEY</a>	HERBERT FRANK BROWNLOW	02-11-14	1st Bn.	YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
<a href="#">PRINCE</a>	ALICK LANCELOT	08-11-14	1st Bn.	YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
<a href="#">HARRIS</a>	ARTHUR LEA	31-07-17	4th Bn.	YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
<a href="#">GREEN</a>	EDWARD UNSWORTH	10-08-17	9th Bn.	YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
<a href="#">HOARE</a>	ALAN BRODIE	26-10-17	"A" Coy. 5th Bn.	TYNE COT MEMORIAL



## ATTACHMENT #7a

Extracts of the War Diary for 2 November 1914. UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920: Loyal North Lancashire Regiment 1st Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Piece 1270/1-4. Ancestry.co.uk (starting page [94 of 504](#)).

ChidVELDT 1 Nov 1914

Placed in support of Yering Lane. Enemy started heavy bombardment of house on main road & one or two shells came near our trench. [We heard the sad news that St. Wilken son had been killed. He is a brother of the loss to the Regt.] At 8 P.M. we were relieved by the 1<sup>st</sup> R.R. Rifle & came back for the night to the old 'Dig Out' in the Chateau wood. We were most fortunate in not being shelled at all. On the night previous the whole of this wood & the wood opposite was heavily shelled. During the night the Germans got up two guns within 400 yds of our trench & their infantry began working round one night but our gunners were informed & they brought fire on them & stopped their advance.

Nov. 2

At 5 A.M. we withdrew in Brigade to wood at HOOGE on S side of road



## ATTACHMENT #7b

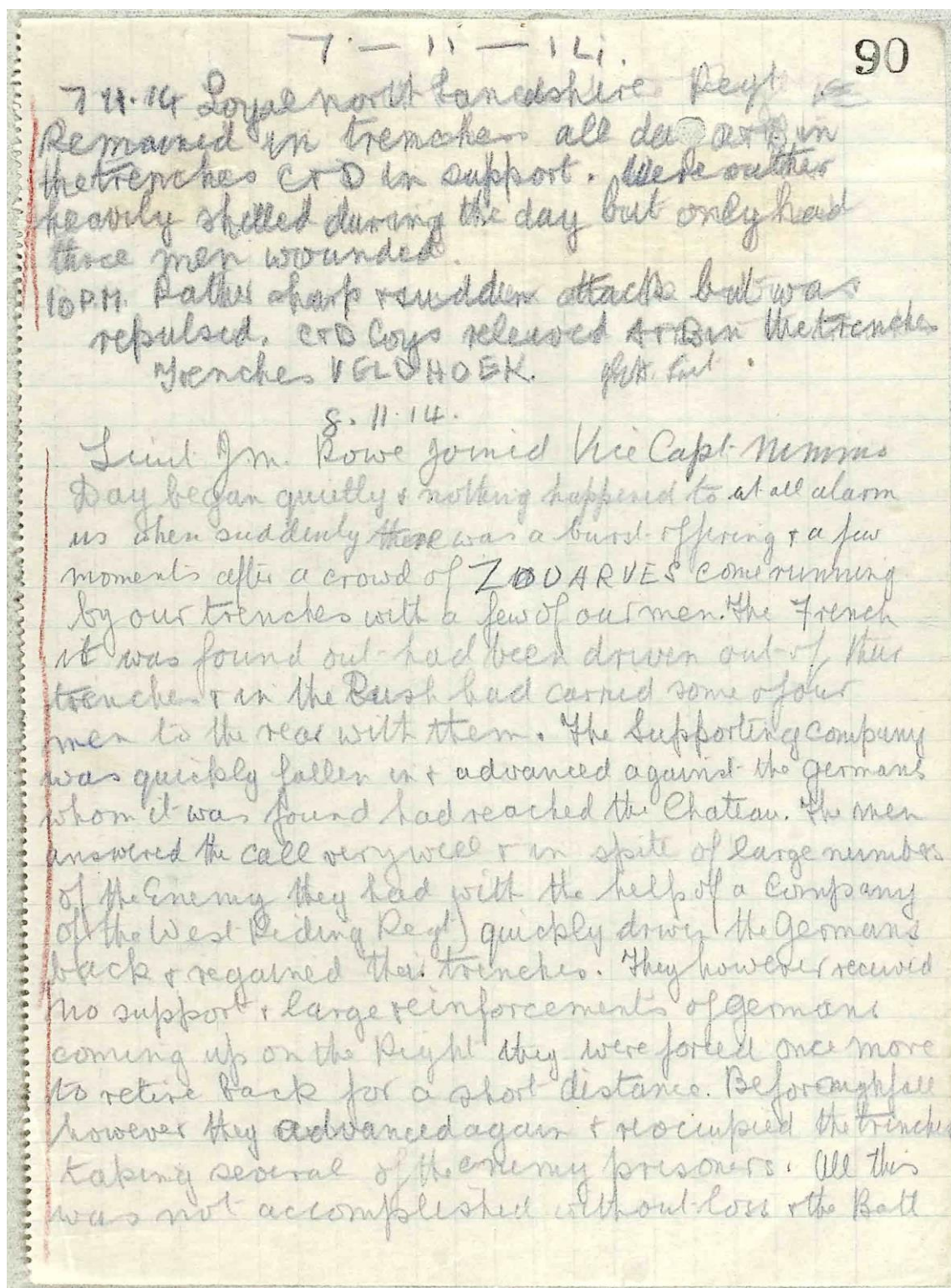
Extracts of the War Diary for 2 November 1914. UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920: Loyal North Lancashire Regiment 1st Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Piece 1270/1-4. Ancestry.co.uk (starting page [94 of 504](#)).

remained there in reserve until about 1.30 P.M. when we were called upon to advance again up to the trenches to support attack. The Germans had been reported to have broken through. We advanced in line of sections on both sides of the road with the greatest of luck as they had their attention directed to our Cavalry who were making a counter move. The S.W.B. section & ourselves held the wood & the Gloucesters made a small charge in the evening with hope of gaining the trenches. It was fine to hear our fellow charger the bugle sounding & men cheering. We withdrew to our old "Dig Out" in the wood about 8 P.M. 12 midnight we had orders to advance & relieve the trenches of the Royal Berkshire Rifles & then we carried out by 1.30 A.M. by one company & the other company we had in "Dig Out" about 150 in rear. The required numbers barely 300 all told, we lost very heavily on the 31<sup>st</sup> the following officers were wounded or missing: Capt. Colley, Capt. Riley, Lt. Garden, Lt. Griffith, Lt. Hayman & Jackson.  
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## ATTACHMENT #7c

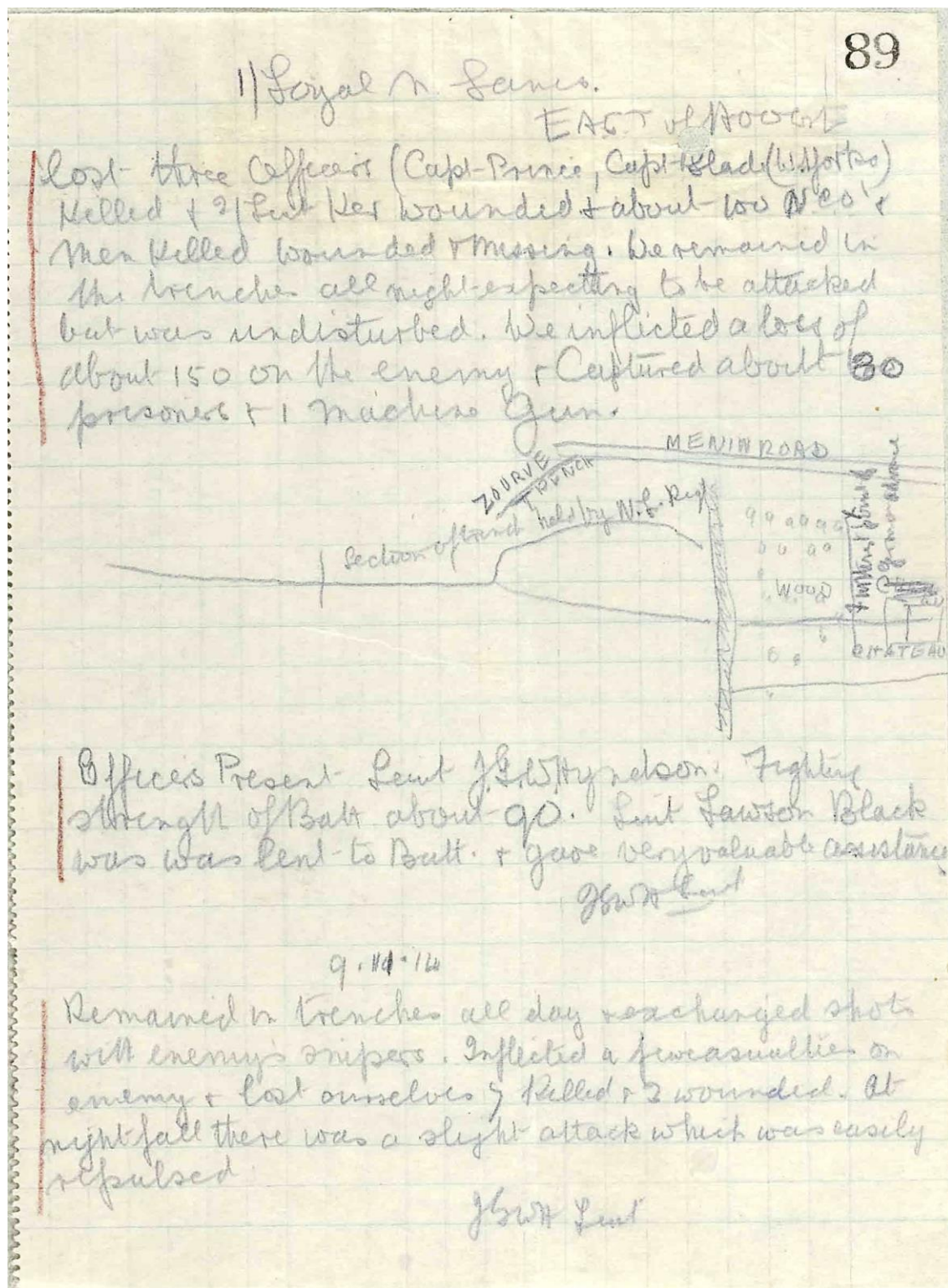
Extracts of the War Diary for 2 November 1914. UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920: Loyal North Lancashire Regiment 1st Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Piece 1270/1-4. Ancestry.co.uk (starting page [100 of 504](#)).





## ATTACHMENT #7d

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# Attachment #7e

Extracts of the War Diary for 10 August 1917. UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920: Loyal North Lancashire Regiment 25th Division, 74<sup>th</sup> Brigade Piece 2246: 9<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion. Ancestry.co.uk ([Page 78 of 568](#))

WAR DIARY  
or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
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6074 LNL Army Form C. 2118.

9<sup>th</sup> BN LOYAL NORTH LANC'S REGT

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs. Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	Aug 1		Battalion on working parties	Cpl
	2		"	Cpl
	3		Battalion moved into RAILWAY DUGOUTS	Cpl
	4		CAPT. C. A. GODFREY appointed Adjutant	Cpl
	5		Battalion on carrying parties	Cpl
TRENCHES	6		Battalion relieved the 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn Cheshire Regt in the Line	Cpl
	9		Bombing Raid on enemy Strong points	Cpl
	10	4.35 PM.	Battalion attack on HECTHOVEN RIDGE and gained all objectives	Cpl
			CAPT. E. W. GREEN. 2LT. C. LUNT. 2LT. H. H. SWIFT. Killed in Action	Cpl
			LT. H. J. PRIESTLAND. 2LT. H. O. HOLMES. "Wounded in Action"	Cpl
	9		2LT. R. C. S. STARK. 2LT. ACH FERGUSON "Wounded in Action"	Cpl
	11		Battalion relieved by the 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn Cheshire Regt. on the night of the 11 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cpl
	13		Battalion in DOMINION CAMP	Cpl
STEENVOORDE	13		Battalion moved to STEENVOORDE	Cpl

T. 134. W. 708-776. 50 (0.0). 4/15. S. J. C. & S.

Col. H. J. Priestland  
Lt. Col. A. C. Fergusson  
Comd. 9<sup>th</sup> Bn LANC. N. LANC. REGT.

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Extracts of the War Diary for 26 October 1917. UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920: Loyal North Lancashire Regiment 57th Division, 74<sup>th</sup> Brigade Piece 2979/3: 2<sup>nd</sup>/5th Battalion. Ancestry.co.uk ([Page 30 of 38](#))

### Aeroplane Cemetery 6.E.4



# ATTACHMENT #7g

Extracts of the War Diary for 31 July 1917. UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920: Loyal North Lancashire Regiment 55th Division Piece 2924/1: 1/4 Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Ancestry.co.uk (starting page [250 of 637](#)).

WAR DIARY OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. (Erase heading not required.)			Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour		
TRENCHES (E + F) (G + H)	31		<p>7 day. At 2.00 hrs (3.50 a.m.), the 55th Division assaulted, taking part in a General Attack of the 5th Army, part of the 2nd Army and the 1st French Army.</p> <p>At 2.00 hrs the 166th and 166th Infantry Brigades attacked and captured the BLUE LINE, as shown on attached map. The Ashley Barrage commenced at 2.00 hrs and did not provoke any reply in the neighbourhood of CONCRETE WALK until about 4.15 a.m. when a few 4.2's and 5.9's fell in the trench and caused a few casualties. From 4.30 a.m. onwards, German prisoners came past in continuous streams, in many cases being obliged to carry down one wounded.</p> <p>From the BLUE Line, the 165th and 166th Brigades moved on to the BLACK LINE, as shown on map, and</p>	
<p>AG45 Wt. 111422/11160 350000 12/16 D.D. &amp; L. Forms C/2118/14</p>				

# ATTACHMENT #7h

Extracts of the War Diary for 31 July 1917. UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920: Loyal North Lancashire Regiment 55th Division Piece 2924/1: 1/4 Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Ancestry.co.uk (starting page [250 of 637](#)).

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. (Erase heading not required.)			Army Form C. 2118.
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
			<p>its shell holes. From now onwards the artillery barrage was better than, owing to the fact that it was out of range for some of the guns which has fired during the initial assault, and because it was being provided by batteries who had moved forward since 2.45 to positions in the vicinity of the original NO MANS LAND.</p> <p>When the 1/4 Loyal N. Lancs moved off from the BLACK LINE trench had been obtained with the 2/5 LANCES FORWARDERS on the left, and the 6" CANNON HIGHLANDERS (45" Inf Bde, 15th Division) on the right.</p> <p>During the subsequent advance from the BLACK to the GREEN LINE, the casualties, which were particularly heavy amongst officers, were again principally caused by Machine Gun fire. Reports were received from several officers giving their location. These immediately were the</p>



# ATTACHMENT #7i

Extracts of the War Diary for 31 July 1917. UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920: Loyal North Lancashire Regiment 55th Division Piece 2924/1: 1/4 Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Ancestry.co.uk (starting page [250 of 637](#)).

WAR DIARY  
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Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
			to confirm with our new line.	
			In the evening about 10 p.m. a warning order was received to the effect that the Brigade would be relieved by the units of the 165th Brigade.	
			Further general observation will be made under date Aug. 1st.	
			Casualties during operations on 31st July were as follows:	
			OFFICERS - KILLED	
			Capt A.L. HARRIS (Coy A (q))	
			2/Lt B. ASHCOFT (Signal.)	
			2/Lt B.H. WILLIAMS (Intelligence Officer)	
			2/Lt V. MATHER	
			2/Lt J.E. ORDISH	
			2/Lt F. FULLERTON	
			2/Lt J.H. OGDEN (Coy B (q))	

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## **ATTACHMENT #8**

The War History of the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment 1914-1918

<https://ia802607.us.archive.org/2/items/warhistoryof1st400grea/warhistoryof1st400grea.pdf>

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The above account may now be amplified and illuminated by a short summary of the adventures of each Company and Platoon—taken from the original narratives of the Battalion, which, written in most cases from the account of surviving private soldiers, are now in the custody of Colonel C. F. Coop, D.S.O., at Liverpool.

A Company lost its Commander, Captain Harris, soon after passing the Black Line— he was shot by a sniper ; C.S.M. Dudley was later on wounded and taken prisoner ; No. 1 Platoon had its Commander (Sergeant Entwistle) and the Lewis Gun Corporal wounded when leaving CONGREVE WALK. It came under machine gun fire just before reaching the BLACK LINE, and by the time it reached KANSAS CROSS only eleven were left.

## **ATTACHMENT #9**

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Commonwealth Forces during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

This process differs from cases related to members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) as these do not go first to the CWGC Canadian Agency in Ottawa. We have modified the requirement information noted below to include CWGC criteria from their source material:

<b>Guideline Criteria for Submission:</b>	<b>Evidence and Source Material:</b>
Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.	Un-cited resources cannot be accepted as official evidence. Research conducted on the internet will only be accepted if supplied by a recognised authority such as the CWGC, National Archives etc. Any primary (contemporary) sources <i>e.g. the National Archives, CWGC, and Genealogical website original documentation etc.</i> must be copied and submitted with the case. The relevant pages of any secondary material <i>e.g. published reference books and articles; website material etc.</i> should also be copied and submitted. All sources must be correctly referenced as footnotes throughout the submission as well as cited in a complete bibliography of consulted sources. Referencing is essential to any historical research and should contain some uniform elements.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

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